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SUBJ: POSITION FOR CHO LIN/MRS. TENG HSIAO-PING

1. NCNA'S MARCH 12 ACCOUNT OF THE WELCOME AND BANQUET FOR GUYANESE PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM INDICATES THAT CHO LIN (0587/3829), WIFE OF VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, HAS ATTAINED A POSITION OF HER OWN. LISTED FIRST AMONG THE "LEADING MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED" AT THE WELCOMING CEREMONY AND FIRST AFTER A GROUP OF VICE MINISTERS AT THE BANQUET, SHE PROBABLY HOLDS A POST AT LEAST AT THE DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL IN PEKING. (AT THE BANQUET AND ON TWO SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS ON MARCH 14 NCNA ENGLISH REFERRED TO A "TSO LIN", BUT A CHECK BY FBIS OKINAWA OF NCNA DOMESTIC SERVICE CONFIRMED THAT THE STC'S ON THOSE OCCASIONS WERE THOSE FOR "CHO LIN.")

2. ALTHOUGH PREVIOUSLY NOT VERY ACTIVE POLITICALLY AND OUT OF PUBLIC SIGHT WITH HER HUSBAND BEGINNING IN 1966, CHO
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FIRST REAPPEARED IN APRIL, 1974 AT TENG'S DEPARTURE FOR THE

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION. (TENG HAD RESURFACED
EARLIER AS A VICE PREMIER IN APRIL, 1973). CHO HERSELF
FIRST SEEMED TO BE RISING IN STATUS IN SEPTEMBER, 1974
WHEN SHE ESCORTED TOGOLESE PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S WIFE
AROUND THE CAPITAL WHILE THE PRESIDENT HELD MEETINGS
WITH TENG (SEPT 4, 1974, HK 9798). LATER IN NOVEMBER,
APPEARING WITHOUT HER HUSBAND FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS
REHABILITATION, SHE HEADED A GROUP IDENTIFIED AS "LEADING
MEMBERS" AT A RECEPTION FOR A FRENCH AIR SERVICE DELEGATION
CO-CHAIRER BY THE WIFE OF THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER (NOV 9,
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